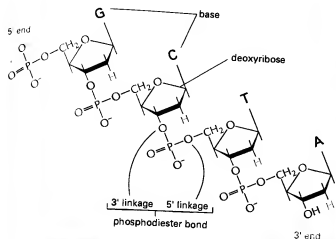
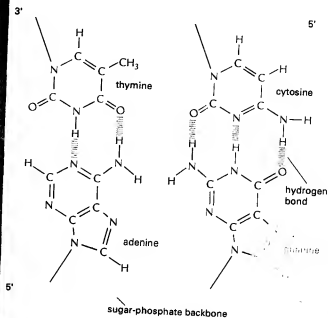


SUGAR-PHOSPHATE BACKBONE OF DNA



FOUR BASES AS BASE PAIRS OF DNA



Specific hydrogen bonding between G and C and between A and T (A and U in RNA) generates complementary base-pairing.

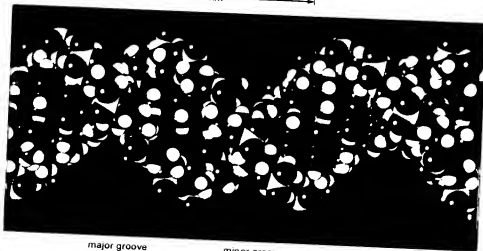
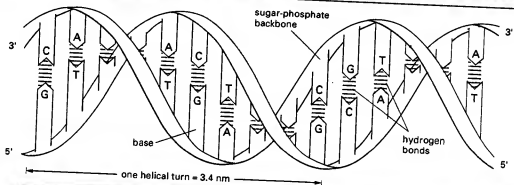
ELECTRON MICROGRAPH OF DNA



(Courtesy of Mei Lie Wong.)

DNA DOUBLE HELIX

In a DNA molecule two antiparallel strands that are complementary in their nucleotide sequence are paired in a right-handed double helix with about 10 nucleotide pairs per helical turn. A schematic representation (top) and a space-filling model (bottom) are illustrated here.



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Front cover: The photograph shows a rat nerve cell in culture. It is labeled (yellow) with a fluorescent antibody that stains its cell body and dendritic processes. Nerve terminals (green) from other neurons (not visible), which have made synapses on the cell, are labeled with a different antibody. (Courtesy of Olaf Mundigl and Pietro de Camilli.)

Dedication page: Gavin Borden, late president of Garland Publishing, weathered in during his mid-1980s climb near Mount McKinley with MBoC author Bruce Alberts and famous mountaineer guide Mugs Stump (1940–1992).

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